



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKETS OST-2001-10603, OST-98-3901,
OST-99-5443, OST-00-6806, OST-00-6819, OST-00-6909, OST-01-10172,
& OST-02-11808**

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Joint Application of Northwest Airlines, Inc. and Air China International Corp. filed 9/10/2001, as amended 7/18/2003 to:

XX Consolidate into Docket OST-01-10603 the statements of authorization granted to Air China in Docket OST-98-3901, issued October 16, 1998 and in Docket OST-99-5443, issued March 6, 2001 so as to permit Air China to display the "NW" code on Air China flights, for purposes of carriage of mail only: (i) between San Francisco and Los Angeles, on the one hand, and Beijing and Shanghai on the other hand; and between Chicago and New York, on the one hand, and Beijing and Shanghai, on the other hand.¹

XX Dismiss, upon approval of consolidation request, the remaining exemptions and statements of authorization issued to Northwest and Air China in Dockets OST-98-3901, 99-5443, 00-6806, 00-6819, 00-6909, 01-10172, and 02-11808.

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DISPOSITION

XX **Granted Request for Consolidation (see Remarks below)**

XX **Granted Request for Dismissal**

The above actions were effective when taken: October 6, 2003.²

XX **Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation**

(See Reverse Side)

¹ The original application requested renewal and consolidation of their applicants' exemptions and statements of authorization to permit the Joint Applicants to continue to provide scheduled air transportation of persons, property, and mail. Subsequently, the carriers amended their application to seek only continuation of mail code sharing. Their amendment stated that, effective June 30, 2003, the carriers discontinued their code sharing with the exception of displaying Northwest's designator code on Air China flights, for the carriage of mail only, in the following markets: San Francisco/Los Angeles/Chicago/New York-Beijing/Shanghai.

² Both of the statements of authorization being consolidated here were granted for indefinite duration and will continue to apply indefinitely, albeit now limited to carriage of mail only.

XX The authority is consistent with the Air Transport Agreement and the 1999 Protocol between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

Except to the extent exempted or waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: **XX Holder's certificates of public convenience and necessity**

XX Holder's Foreign Air Carrier Permit

XX Statements of Authorization dated October 16, 1998 (Docket OST-98-3901) and April 8, 1999 (Docket OST-99-5443) and conditions therein

Remarks: The consolidated statements of authorization are limited to the carriage of mail only.

Under the authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; and (2) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest. To the extent not granted or dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Dockets. We may amend, modify, or revoke the action taken in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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